

**PATENT**

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| In the divisional application of | ) | Examiner of Parent Application: |
| <i>Michael Y. Zhang et al.</i>   | ) |                                 |
|                                  | ) | S. McDowell                     |
| For: <b>BALLOON FORMING</b>      | ) |                                 |
| <b>PROCESS</b>                   | ) | Group Art Unit: 1732            |
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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-25 and claim 27 without prejudice.**

**Please amend claims 26 and 28 - 32 to read as follows:**

26. (Amended) A polymeric medical balloon having a [reduced] radial shrinkage less than 10% [and reduced axial growth].

28. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim [27] 26 wherein the radial shrinkage is less than about 6%.

29. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim [28] 26 wherein the radial shrinkage is less than about 6%.

30. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 wherein the axial growth is less than about 10%.

31. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim [29] 26 wherein the axial growth is less than about 6%.

32. (Amended) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 wherein the axial growth is less than about 10%.

**Please add the following new claims:**

33. The polymeric balloon of claim 26 wherein the balloon is formed at least in part of a polyurethane.

34. (New) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 having a length of about 0.8 to about 8 cm.

35. (New) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 having a length of about 1.5 to about 3 cm.


36. (New) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 having an uninflated wall thickness of about 0.1 to about 0.4 mm.

37. (New) The polymeric balloon of claim 26 having an uninflated wall thickness of about 0.2 mm.

**REMARKS**

IAplicants have filed concurrently herewith a Submission of Formal Drawings.  
The applicants believe that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject

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